

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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April 2, 2015

Steve Lebel Construction 36 Nashua Rd. Pelham, NH 03076

Dear Sir/Madame:

Did you know that dust contaminated by lead paint is the #1 cause of childhood lead poisoning?

In May, EPA will inspect companies in the Nashua, NH area to ensure they are complying with EPA's lead paint rules.

During May of 2015, representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 1 will inspect a large number of companies that conduct home repair, renovation and painting activities in and around Nashua, New Hampshire to determine compliance with EPA's lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule (RRP Rule). You have been identified as possibly performing such activities.

The RRP Rule applies to all individuals or firms performing renovation, repair, and/or painting projects that disturb painted surfaces in pre-1978 residential homes, schools, and child care centers. These individuals or firms include painters, carpenters, landlords who conduct their own repairs, plumbers, electricians, etc. Firms must be certified by EPA and must use renovators who are trained in lead-safe work practices. Lead-safe work practices include (1) containing the work area, (2) minimizing the creation of dust, which can be contaminated with lead, and (3) ensuring thorough cleanup.

Each violation of the RRP Rule is subject to penalties of up to \$37,500 per day. The enclosed press release summarizes recent enforcement actions that EPA has taken for violations of the RRP Rule. To report RRP Rule violations, please dial 617-918-TIPS (8477), dial toll free 1-888-372-7341, ext. 8-8477, or use EPA Region 1's online form: www.epa.gov/region1/enforcement/leadpaint/reportviolations.html

The attachments to this letter provide additional material to help you comply with the RRP Rule, including:

- general information about the RRP Rule;
- a list of RRP training providers in New Hampshire that provide the training needed to become a RRP certified renovator; and
- the application and instructions for becoming an EPA Lead-Safe Certified Firm.

Another source of information is EPA's website at: http://www2.epa.gov/lead where you can access the regulations and other information about the RRP Rule.

Thank you for your efforts to comply with the RRP Rule. If you have any questions please contact Molly Magoon at 617-918-1848 or toll free at 1-888-372-7341, ext. 81848.

Sincerely,

Sharon M. Hayes, Manager Toxics and Pesticides Unit

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Office of Environmental Stewardship

Attachments:

RRP Rule General Information
RRP Rule December 2014 Press Release
List of RRP Training Providers and Map
EPA Lead Safe Certified Firm Application and Instructions

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